



BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE BOARD

April 14, 1997

Mr. Dennis P. Smith, Esquire
Associate General Counsel
Crestar Financial Corporation
919 East Main Street
Richmond, Virginia 23261-6665

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has approved the following application filed pursuant to section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act:

Crestar Financial Corporation ("Crestar") to engage de novo through its subsidiary, Crestar Securities Corporation, both of Richmond, Virginia, in private placement and "riskless principal" activities, and underwriting and dealing in, to a limited extent, certain bank-ineligible securities.

Material related to the Board's action is enclosed. As noted in the enclosed material, the Board's action is specifically conditioned on Crestar's compliance with all the commitments made in connection with the application, including the commitments contained in the letter dated April 7, 1997, from Thomas D. Hogan, Crestar Group Executive Vice President, to Molly S. Wassom, Assistant Director of the Board's Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation. Please advise the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond when the approved action is consummated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer J. Johnson", is written over the typed name.

Jennifer J. Johnson

Deputy Secretary of the Board

Enclosures: 1. Press Release
2. Order

cc: Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond